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Weekly Update



The Update Message from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers representing Flight Attendants in the 2339 Local Lodges

Friday, September 24, 2010

Continental Flight Attendant Negotiation Update

Negotiations resumed this week in Denver. Even as the company announced shareholder approval for the merger, the union continued to work on improving your industry leading agreement.

Progress on Job Security and quality of life issues continues to be made.

You will be advised when additional information becomes available.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

ExpressJet Flight Attendants:

The Union and the Company met on September 20, 2010, in Houston to exchange opening contract proposals and to schedule future negotiations dates. We will keep you updated as developments occur.

On October 15, 2010, District 142 President-Directing General Chairperson Tom Higginbotham and General Chairperson's, Kate Romanusky and Randy Hatfield will meet with ASA President Brad Holt and Inflight Vice President Brandy Reynolds, in Atlanta. We look forward to a productive visit.

ORD – Once again the Union is receiving complaints about dirty galley carts - odor, mold, stickiness, etc. Please write enroutes or email your supervisor with flight information, aircraft number, date, etc. The company must be made aware of this health risk.

Political Power

The IAM maintains an entire department dedicated to lobbying on behalf of our members, with a team of full time lobbyists and decades of experience on Capitol Hill, to protect the rights and interests of Flight Attendants. We also have the political clout and influence of over 750,000 active and retired members across the U.S.

As the largest and most diverse airline union in North America, Congressional aviation staff members often rely on the IAM's input on legislation. It is also one of the reasons why the IAM was the only union invited to testify before the Senate Commerce Committee's hearing on the Continental/United merger.

Read full article: <http://www.famergermatters.org/?p=674>

Senate Rejects Attempt to Block Fair NMB Election Rule

September 23, 2010 - The U.S. Senate blocked an attempt by Georgia Republican Senator Johnny Isakson to overturn the National Mediation Board's (NMB) recent rule change allowing voters in union representation election in the air and rail industry to vote for or against union representation.

Prior to the new rule, which took effect July 1, 2010 any eligible voter who did not cast a vote in the election had a "no" vote imposed on them.

"The Machinists Union worked hard this week to block the undemocratic action," said General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. "We met with key officials to ensure air and rail workers did not lose their right to fair elections."

The new NMB rule applies the same voting process found in all other private-sector industries, where a majority of voters participating in the election determine its outcome.

Before the vote, the Obama administration issued the following statement about the Isakson attempt:

"If the President is presented with a Resolution of Disapproval that would not safeguard the ability of railroad and airline workers to decide whether or not they would be represented by a union based upon a majority of the ballots cast in an election, his senior advisers would recommend he veto the resolution."

Senator Isakson's attempt to undermine the voting rights of air and rail workers was defeated by a 56-43 vote.

We would like to encourage all members to attend your Local Lodge business meeting. Each Local Lodge must have a quorum to conduct business. The following is a schedule for upcoming meetings:

Newark: Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Cleveland: Thursday, October 14, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

Houston: Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel

Guam: Wednesday, October 20, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room

We encourage all members to access the District 142 website at www.go142.org for the latest negotiation news as well as accurate and reliable merger information.

Please visit faMergerMatters.org for the latest merger information for IAM Flight Attendants.